L. H. J. under penall navigacon Bonds which we humbly hope for by what his Ex^{cy} was pleased to say to us at the beginning of this Sessions of Assembly,

Signed p Order, W Bladen Clk: Assembly.

Sent p Major Dent, with severall other papers and Bills. House Adjourned for an hour.

Post Merediem. House met.

Message from his Matys honble Councill by the honble Col: Nicholas Greenberry, and James Frisby Esquire who bring down the Bills this day sent up.

By his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and Councill Sept^r 30th 1696.

The Message by Major Dent was received and here read, and it is remarqued that the house thinke that the Proposall made for imposing another 3^d on the hh^d was for a pious use, viz: for building a church at Annapolis for the vse of the whole Country in Assemblys and Provinciall Courts, and other publique Meetings. His Ex^{cy} is pleased to Signifye that he is not dogmaticall as to imagine his own opinion therein to be infallible or endued with Eloquence enough to persuade the house ag^t their own Inclinations or to force peoples consciencies, Yet his Ex^{cy} is pleased together with his Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Councill to assent to what the house has Proposed thereabout, though they have given no reason ag^t his Ex^{cys} s^d Proposall.

As to the latter parte of the Message about interceding with his Ex^{cy} to joyne in an address to his Ma^{tys} for Reliefe of p. 122 Severall of his Ma^{tys} Subjects under penall Navigacon Bonds His Ex^{cy} is pleased to say that he can do nothing therein legally, untill Judgments have been recovered thereon, which done then he will at present ord a Suspension of Executions issuing, untill his Ma^{tys} pleasure shall be further knowne.

And that if his Matys honble Councill and house of Burgesses shall thinke fitt to address his Maty at Present, his Excy will not faile of being as good as his word in affording his Interest &c.

Signed p order, Hen: Denton, Clk. Councill.

A Bill relating to Bayle to be taken by the Sherriffe in Actions of tresspass upon the case, read 2^d tyme.

House Adjourned till 6 of a Clock to morrow morning.